

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Press Release

For Immediate Release:
Thursday, May 5, 2011

Contact: Mohamed Arafa
(770) 387-4081 Office

LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK ON THE I-85 EXPRESS LANES PROJECT IN GWINNETT AND DEKALB

DULUTH – Several lane closures are scheduled for next week on the I-85 Express Lane project in Gwinnett and DeKalb counties. Georgia DOT's contractor, World Fiber Technologies, will close the left lane of I-85 northbound from Steve Reynolds Boulevard to Indian Trail Road in Gwinnett County from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Wednesday of next week. The left lane southbound on the same stretch of the interstate will also be closed daily from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Wednesday. The right southbound lane between Indian Trail Road and Beaver Run Road will be closed on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The left lane southbound at Old Peachtree Road is also expected to be closed on Wednesday between hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Night lane closures are also scheduled for next week as follows:

Monday & Tuesday 8p.m.-5a.m.: Left lane southbound from Jimmy Carter Blvd to Northcrest Road

Monday & Tuesday 10p.m.-5a.m.: Left lane northbound from Jimmy Carter Blvd to Northcrest Road

Wednesday & Thursday 8p.m.-5a.m.: Left lane southbound from Northcrest Road to Chamblee Tucker Road

Wednesday & Thursday 10p.m.-5a.m.: Left lane northbound from Chamblee Tucker Road to Northcrest Road

Thursday 8p.m.-5a.m.: Left lane southbound from Steve Reynolds Boulevard to Beaver Run Road

Thursday 10p.m.-5a.m.: Left lane northbound from Beaver Run Road to Steve Reynolds Boulevard

The I-85 Express Lanes project includes installation of 16 miles of fiber and signage along Interstate Highway 85 between Chamblee Tucker Road and Old Peachtree Road and along State Route 316 between I-85 and Riverside Parkway. This \$11.7 million project was awarded to World Fiber Technologies, Inc., of Alpharetta.

When completed, registered transit buses, motorcycles, alternative fueled vehicles and vehicles with three or more passengers will be allowed to use the inside (left) HOT lane for free, while single- and double-occupant vehicles will be allowed to use the lane if they choose to pay a variably priced toll. For additional information and construction updates on this project, please email Teri Pope at tpope@dot.ga.gov.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about these or any other construction projects on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

###